

Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey J. Mellinger
Command Sergeant Major
Multi-National Force - Iraq



CSM Mellinger assumed the duties of Command Sergeant Major, Multi-National Force – Iraq on August 1, 2004, following his tour of duty as CSM of First United States Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia.

CSM Mellinger was drafted on April 18, 1972, at Eugene, Oregon. Following basic and advanced training at Fort Ord, California, he completed airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany as a unit clerk. Upon his return from Germany, CSM Mellinger was assigned to the 2d Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington. For the next five years, CSM Mellinger served as unit clerk, battalion personnel staff NCO, machinegun squad leader, rifle squad leader, rifle platoon sergeant and weapons platoon leader. He then performed drill sergeant duty at Fort Gordon, Georgia in 1979. In 1981, he returned to the 2d Ranger Battalion as a platoon sergeant.

Additional assignments include: Special Forces Military Freefall Instructor, Fort Bragg, NC; senior team leader, 75th Ranger Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment, Fort Benning, Ga; Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Alaska-Fairbanks; First Sergeant, Company C (Airborne), 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry (Manchu), Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Senior Enlisted Advisor, 41st Separate Infantry Brigade, Oregon Army National Guard; Command Sergeant Major, 3d Battalion, 10th Infantry, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Commandant, U.S. Army Alaska Noncommissioned Officer's Academy, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Command Sergeant Major of United States Army Japan and 9th Theater Support Command, Camp Zama, Japan; Command Sergeant Major, First U.S. Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia. He is currently the Command Sergeant Major, Multi-National Force - Iraq.

CSM Mellinger's military education includes: Commandant's List, NCO Basic Course; Ranger School; Jumpmaster School; Jungle Expert School; FBI Crisis Reaction Course; Military Freefall Course; Drill Sergeant's Course; Commandant's List and Honor Graduate, NCO Advanced Course; Instructor Training Course; Military Freefall Jumpmaster Course; Commandant's List, Sergeants Major Course Class 37; and the Command Sergeants Major Course.

CSM Mellinger's awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal w/V; Meritorious Service Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters; Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 7; Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, Expert Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge; Ranger Tab; Drill Sergeant Badge; Combat Action Badge; Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2); Army Superior Unit Award; Canadian Commando Parachute Badge; Royal Thai Parachute Badge; and Malaysian Parachute Badge. He has more than 33 hours of accumulated freefall in over 3700 jumps, and is a FAA Master Parachute Rigger.